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STEP-UP GOALS

The Conference moderator, Rev. Vere V. Loper, and the president of the Board of Directors, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, in behalf of the Conference and the Board, would remind the churches that the plan adopted a year ago regarding a step-up of benevolence giving still applies. About one-third of the churches adopted advance goals a year ago. These churches will of course want to continue on at least the same high level. Churches that could not see their way clear to accept the suggestion a year ago are asked again to give serious consideration to it.

The Conference Board is unable to see how any less money can be expended and maintain our work. Even now no provision is made for opening new fields, although there are several splendid opportunities. The Board further refuses to countenance budgeting a deficit and then asking the Superintendent and his staff to raise that deficit each year. The only way for our work to be permanently well financed is for each and every church to adopt the goal suggested a year ago, and then to make a small increase annually.

Will pastors and church officers please see that action is taken and reported to the Conference office at an early date?

ADVENT SEASON BOOKLET

The Advent Season is being increasingly recognized in the calendar of our churches. A devotional guide printed somewhat in the form of the Fellowship of Prayer has been prepared with daily devotional readings for the period from November 30 to December 25. There is a Scripture selection, a meditation, and a prayer for each day. The outline has been prepared by Rev. James Austin Richards of Oberlin. Fifteen thousand copies have been sent to chaplains for use in the training camps. Churches should provide these booklets for their own members and for nearby hospitals and homes for the aged. The price is within reach of all—two dollars per hundred. Orders may be placed with the Commission on Evangelism, 287 Fourth Ave., New York, or with the Conference office.

LAYMEN RECOMMEND

At the laymen's Sunday morning conference it was voted to request the publication of Congregational history in brief form to give to new members. It was felt that pastors should preach at least once a year on this theme.

The laymen also voted a request that the holding of annual meetings on weekends be continued so that laymen might be able to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 8-9—Laymen's Retreat, Far View Ranch, Marysville.
November 22-23—Laymen's Retreat, Saratoga Inn, Saratoga.
December 6-7—Laymen's Retreat, Byron Hot Springs, Byron.
December 6-7—Laymen's Retreat, Hotel Tulare, Tulare.
December 29-31 — Pilgrim Fellowship Mid-winter Conference, First Congregational Church, Berkeley.
February 17-19—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
March 16-20—Laymen's Schools of Churchmanship.
April 5—Easter Sunday.

LAYMEN'S WEEKEND RETREATS

Previous issues of The Pacific have indicated that the Laymen's Commission is sponsoring four Retreats this year. One of them will be all over by the time this issue of Pacific reaches its readers, but publicity has gone out in other ways. This first Retreat is being held at Far View Ranch, northeast of Marysville, with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Drobish of our Oroville church as hosts. The team of leaders for this Retreat are: Mr. Peirce Coombes and his pastor, Rev. Charles E. Ward of Redwood City; Rev. Clifford Manshardt of Bombay, India, and Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman.

Second on the list will be held on November 22 and 23 at the Saratoga Inn, Saratoga. This is for churches of San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, and Marin Counties. The team of leaders will be headed by George B. Martin of Berkeley, Chairman of the Laymen's Commission. Other members will be Professor James Muilenburg of Pacific School of Religion; Rev. Torrance Phelps of Pioneer Church, Sacramento, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. The rate for this conference will be $4.00 for the entire period, including three meals and lodging. The Retreat will begin promptly at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and will close following dinner on Sunday, about two o'clock.

On the week-end of December 6 and 7, there will be two Retreats, one at Byron Hot Springs for the churches of the East Bay, and Upper Bay and Central Associations. The team of leaders for this Retreat will consist of Mr. Peirce Coombes of Redwood City, member of the Laymen's Commission; Rev. T. T. Giffen of Petaluma; Professor James Muilenburg of Pacific School of Religion, and Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman. The rate at Byron, as in previous years, is the same as that at Saratoga, namely, $4.00 per person for the entire period, including three meals and lodging. The Retreat will begin promptly at three on Saturday afternoon and will close immediately after dinner on Sunday, which will be served at 1 p. m.

The other Retreat, held on December 6 and 7, will be at Hotel Tulare, Tulare, California, and will be for the churches of the San Joaquin Association and the German Conference. The team of leaders will consist of Mr. George B. Martin of Berkeley, Chairman of the Laymen's Commission; Rev. Clifford Manshardt of Bombay, India, visiting teacher at Pacific School of Religion; Rev. Donald F. Gaylord of Grace United Church, San Francisco, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. The basic hotel rate will be $3.75 per person where there are two in a room. There will be slight additional charges for single room or room with bath. This rate will include three meals and lodging, the Retreat opening at three o'clock Saturday afternoon and continuing until after dinner Sunday, closing about two o'clock.

The method of all of these Retreats is that of free discussion. No speeches are given. Suggested questions have been prepared in advance, but laymen are encouraged to bring their own questions. Good fellowship prevails. Some of the most valuable parts of the conference are during hours when sessions are not being held and the men mingle together, speaking freely to each other and comparing notes about the work of their own churches.

Churches and pastors are urged to select their representatives with greatest care, and to see to it that if possible some new delegates are included along with others who may have been in attendance in years previous. Churches are asked to see that three delegates are present, one of whom should be under 35, but they may have as many as five if two are young men.

CONFERENCE AT STOCKTON

The eighty-fifth annual meeting of the state Conference was a departure from tradition in that it was held on a week-end. This had been strongly urged by the laymen, but there is still a divided sentiment about the success of the change. The registrations totaled 392. There is no way to check actual attendance. Without any doubt there were more people in the sessions of the Conference at one time or another than is normally the case, due to the large group of young people who came in Sunday afternoon. Consistent attendance throughout the meeting was decidedly smaller than formerly.

The Stockton church, under the leadership of Rev. Noel J. Breed, were admirable hosts. The beautiful sanctuary added much to the spiritual tone and worshipful atmosphere of the gathering. The choir and organist rendered delightful and inspiring programs of music. Ample space was provided for fellowship and for the display of literature, for committee meetings and group gatherings, and for those who desired to rest. The Stockton papers gave good publicity, and the Convention and Tourist Bureau furnished attractive badges and an ample supply of well printed programs. Arrangements for luncheons and other meals were all that could be expected. Through the influx of young people the program following supper on Sunday night was one of the best attended.

The theme, "This Gospel We Preach," created a deep interest and was carried through in a most helpful way by the speakers. The visit of Rev. William F. Frazier of the Board of Home Missions of New York, of Mrs. Richard S. Rose, president of the Southern California Federation of Congregational Women, and of Rev. Perry F. Schrock, ad interim superintendent of Southern California, were very helpful and deeply appreciated. The services of worship were conducted by men of three nationalities within our fellowship: Mr. Norio Ozaki, Japanese; Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, Armenian; and Rev. B. H. Kissler, German.

The missionary cause was well presented. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker and Rev. Clifford Manshardt told of work on the foreign field, Rev. Stephen C. Peabody on Social Action, besides five brief notable addresses on our work in Northern California by Rev. Theodore E. Schulz, Rev. Edward Reighard, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. William W. Meyer, and Chaplain Harry A. Shuder.

The business sessions were carried through with promptness, Moderator C. T. Tinker proving himself to be an exceptionally able presiding officer. His introductions of speakers were adequate and to the point. It is safe to say we will never have a better moderator.

No major changes of policy were made. The reports of committees and officers seemed to be satisfactory to the rank and file. Officers for the new year were elected, list of which appears in another column. Resolutions called for a minimum of debate.

In the memorial service Rev. Harry V. Miller spoke with singular appropriateness in appreciation of the ministers who had passed on during the year. This was followed by a most worshipful communion service under the leadership of Rev. Noel J. Breed. On Sunday morning Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, in recognition of Youth Sunday, preached on the theme, "Youthful Christ Jesus."

Lack of space prevents even the mention of the splendid addresses that made up the bulk of the program, but those who attended carried away an unforgettable experience and a determination to make this Gospel which we preach more truly effective.

The invitation of the Grace United Church of the Mission for the 1942 meeting was accepted.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP MIDWINTER MEETING

The Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet and the Young People's Work Committee have plans well under way for the Midwinter Young People's Conference. It will be held at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, on December 29, 30, and 31. Registration will begin on Monday, the 29th, at one o'clock. The registration fee will be $2.25, which will include payment for meals. To secure this rate, registration must be made before December 21. There will be definite advantages for those who register early, in arrangments for housing and seating. Prizes will be offered for churches that register the largest number, and for churches whose delegates travel the farthest (totalling the distance travelled by each person in attendance). Each group is asked to have an insignia like an arm band, or a cap, or a badge.

On Tuesday evening there will be a banquet and party. The conference will adjourn by two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

The theme is "Fortifying for the Future." Speakers and group leaders will be announced later. The director will be Rev. William W. Meyer of Fairfax. Pilgrim Fellowship President is Miss Joanna Wilder of Salida.

YOUTH AT CONFERENCE

For the first time at an annual meeting of the State Conference, a large place was made for the youth of our fellowship, and they responded. Young adults under the leadership of President Sam Dugan of Antioch gathered and heard Professor Dwayne Orton of the Stockton Junior College. A new constitution was adopted by the Young Adults. A large crowd, probably 75 or more, of the Pilgrim Fellowship Youth came on Sunday afternoon. Their speaker was Rev. Edward Reighard of Plymouth House. Miss Joanna Wilder presided. The addition of these young people to the adults who had remained for the evening filled the dining room to capacity.

WHITAKER DATES

So many churches have asked for the services of Rev. Robert B. Whitaker that his schedule is entirely filled up for the next few weeks. His plans after the holidays have not yet been announced.

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PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP MONEY BAG

The plan devised for raising money to send Pilgrim Fellowship delegates to the national conference in New Hampshire is to take effect immediately. Money bags will be distributed in December, but each Pilgrim Fellowship member in northern California should start saving his "three cents a week or postage stamp" immediately. Keep this money in a small container of some kind until the money bags are given out. The number of delegates will depend on contributions made."

WELCOME!

The ministerial fellowship of the Northern California Congregational Conference has been greatly enriched by the coming in of a number of new ministers who have been received into standing. Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, who was Director of Plymouth House and who is now pastor of the Mill Valley Community Church, is now a Congregational minister, having transferred from the Disciples' denomination. Rev. Theodore E. Schulz, pastor of the Federated Church of Alturas, has come to us from the California synod of the Evangelical and German Reformed Church. Rev. Augustus C. Hacke, now pastor at Ripon and formerly Superintendent of the North Dakota Conference, has become a member of our Conference. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, pastor at Porterville and former Moderator of the Southern California Conference, has transferred from the San Diego Association. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, pastor of the Pilgrim Armenian Church of Fresno, has come from the Suffolk West Association of Massachusetts. Rev. C. Howard Hopkins, teacher at the College of the Pacific, has transferred from the Baptist denomination.

HELLO, MICHAEL!

Michael Rhodes Morgan, according to Dr. Stork's diary, arrived at the Sutter Maternity Hospital in Sacramento, where Mrs. Victor H. Morgan, the wife of the pastor at Rio Vista, was vacationing for a few days. Thus, Michael is the third little child to take up his residence in the Rio Vista manse, and The Pacific extends hearty congratulations to him and to all the family.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. The church has secured Miss Evelyn Williams as church secretary and director of religious education. New robes for the choir are being obtained. The Sunday evening forum has opened on "Today's World." Rev. Torrance Phelps will serve as a member of the team of leaders for the Laymen's Retreat at Saratoga.

Rev. M. G. Papazian is serving as supply pastor at the Armenian Gethsemane Church in Los Angeles, and officiated at the laying of the cornerstone of the new building.

GUERNEVILLE. Mrs. J. P. Senter, wife of the pastor, took care of the pulpits at Guerneville and Monte Rio on Conference Sunday.

CHECK UP NOW

Still substantially ahead of 1940, but not quite as favorable a surplus as last month. Only two months—60 days—remain until the deadline, which is the 10th of January. That means that something like $12,000 should come in in that period. Will pastors and treasurers tackle this problem early, and let the office assist wherever it is possible by information and literature.

Church	October 1941	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, 1941	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, 1940
Adin	$ 10.00	$ 28.63	$ 24.75
Alameda	30.00	232.50	461.56
Alturas	.....	12.05	10.58
Angels Camp	.....	114.50	100.00
Antioch	7.53	53.24	28.95
Auburn	10.00	80.00	.....
Benicia	.....	30.00	5.00
Berkeley, Chinese	.....	25.00	.....
First	.....	3,670.32	3,749.73
North	.....	384.27	518.36
Park	.....	51.92	48.95
Callahan	.....	5.13	.....
Campbell	.....	148.00	191.00
Cedarville	.....	100.00	100.00
Cloverdale	4.06	52.47	55.29
Cotati	11.74	55.03	42.50
Crockett	.....	77.01	55.44
Etna	.....	6.85	.....
Eureka	46.72	286.90	341.78
Fairfax	.....	15.00	.....
Ferndale	.....	266.26	183.93
Fresno, First	300.00	611.42	793.12
Japanese	.....	10.00	.....
Pilgrim	.....	110.00	125.10
Zion	50.00	50.00	.....
Glen Ellen	.....	20.00	.....
Guerneville	10.00	16.00	6.50
Hayfork	.....	5.00	10.00
Hayward	50.00	150.00	200.00
Kenwood	.....	3.00	5.30
Lewiston	.....	.....	.18
Lodi, First	.....	780.00	903.00
Loomis	.....	25.91	31.30
Martinez	11.75	335.00	155.66
Murphy	.....	81.00	77.50
Niles	.....	8.70	8.00
Oakland, First	415.00	4,242.00	3,769.94
Fruitvale	14.00	40.28	50.00
Pilgrim	3.00	34.69	32.58
Plymouth	102.78	662.82	607.03
Oroville	.....	33.09	43.54
Pacific Grove	9.00	178.88	178.80
Palo Alto	.....	558.50	511.00
Paradise	25.00	179.00	200.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	.....
Penngrove	.....	19.66	20.64
Pescadero	.....	2.50	.....
Petaluma	.....	488.88	438.72
Pittsburg	25.81	138.06	141.18
Porterville	.....	280.00	230.00
Redwood City	267.52	649.41	382.98
Reedley	.....	5.00	.....
Rio Vista	.....	112.50	112.50
Ripon	4.70	112.94	152.50
Sacramento	83.87	655.30	533.14
Salida	20.00	40.00	2.00
San Carlos	.....	47.74	72.79
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Park	59.30	225.68	260.15
First	168.29	1,771.21	1,177.29
Ocean View	.....	60.00	50.00
Richmond	.....	75.00	50.00
San Jose	80.00	535.71	488.50
San Leandro, Broadmoor	.....	54.12	58.91
San Mateo	130.33	700.39	408.02
San Rafael	.....	30.00	27.73
Santa Cruz	50.00	535.00	625.00
Santa Rosa	17.00	126.25	150.81
Saratoga	99.10	289.49	183.96
Sebastopol	22.95	153.42	132.19
Sonoma	19.30	89.20	74.60
Soquel	.....	75.00	80.62
Stockton	56.15	507.40	488.27
Suisun	.....	89.10	41.33
Sunnyvale	39.22	44.17	10.21
Sunol	.....	25.00	.....
Tulare	.....	370.00	294.00
Weaverville	.....	75.00	77.02
Woodside	.....	34.00	20.00
Reno, Nevada	73.68	395.06	359.09
Misc. and Indiv.	.....	1,399.43	1,303.30
	$2,327.80	$24,051.99	$22,073.82

SONOMA. Miss Frederica Coggeshall and Mrs. T. T. Giffen of Petaluma were special speakers at a potluck luncheon served by the Missionary Society to the ladies of the church. A pet show was sponsored by the Sunday School Mothers' Club. It was held in the Plaza and two hundred children enjoyed it, whether the pets did or not. The women of the church sold cake and cold drinks.

SEBASTOPOL. The twelfth annual service honoring the County Golden Wedding Club has been held. Three bouquets were presented: to the oldest married couple present, the oldest individual, and to the youngest couple, which had celebrated their fiftieth anniversary just three days before. Rev. George E. Atkinson is pastor.

THESE PREACHERS DO NOT PRESENT ARMS

The following resolutions were prepared to be presented to the state Conference meeting at Stockton. subsequently it was decided not to press them for adoption. THE PACIFIC is glad to print these statements as revealing the conviction of the men whose names are signed thereto. Other members of our Conference who may have sentiments of a different nature will be extended reasonable space for their points of view.

I. Whereas, the people of the United States are being deluged with propaganda designed to involve us further in a "shooting war," we as Christians reaffirm our protest against all forms of military involvement. Therefore, we take our stand again upon the declaration of the Ecumenical Conference at Oxford in 1937: "War is a demonstration of the power of sin in this world, and a defiance of the righteousness of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and Him crucified. War involves compulsory enmity, diabolical outrage against human personality, and a wanton distortion of the truth."

II. We firmly believe that the longer the war continues, the more difficult it will be to establish a just and durable peace. Therefore, we urge the president of the United States and Congress to take definite steps now by offering some constructive alternative to the present international anarchy, which is the rightful expectation of the despairing peoples of the world.

III. We are convinced that the conscription of men for military service, especially in time of peace, violates Christian freedom and conscience, and the fundamental principles of American democracy. We therefore continue our opposition to the Selective Service Act, and we urge its immediate abolition.

IV. We commend the national Government's recognition of conscientious objection to military service, but we petition the Government to make provision for the paying of the living expenses of the men in conscientious objector camps by agencies, other than the war department, which benefit by their services (e.g., Department of Interior and Agriculture).

V. We affirm that in times of conflict, even more than in times of peace, the Church shall preserve the freedom of the pulpit, shall foster those Christian principles upon which peace inevitably must be founded, and shall maintain an unimpaired witness to the supremacy of the law of love. Therefore, we urge that the Congregational Christian Churches shall provide a program of reconciliation on a heroic plane, similar to that offered by the "Friends' Service Committee."—Robert B. Whitaker, Pierson Parker, Donald F. Gaylord, Arthur C. McGiffert, Arthur Casaday, Stephen C. Peabody, Fred R. Morrow, Robert W. Inglis, Charles E. Ward, Sidney H. Buckham.

FRESNO, FIRST. Christian Consecration and Loyalty Month opened with world communion Sunday, and closed with the reception of ten new members. Various groups within the church had splendid attendance and there were two hundred at the fellowship dinner and reception honoring the new minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Gregg. New Pilgrim Hymnals and choir robes have been ordered. The Plymouth College Club have entertained a group of men from the Fresno airbase. The church was host to the women of the San Joaquin Association.

RIPON. The program of Church Consecration and Loyalty Month was observed during October. Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Hacke are being cordially received, not only by the church but the community.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. While the pastor, Mr. Eugene Sill, was in attendance at the State Conference, the pulpit was occupied by Rev. G. A. Charnock.

TULARE. The trustees carried out the first Church Night, which was an interesting "alphabet dinner," with program and decorations in keeping with the "A.B.C." theme. The entire church constituency has been divided alphabetically into committees to carry out the monthly church nights for the balance of the season. The women have instituted a monthly luncheon meeting at the church, affording opportunity for Red Cross sewing, Bible study, book reviews, and committee meetings. All departments of the church life show encouraging activity. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The "penny-a-meal" plan has been introduced to take care of interest and principal on the church indebtedness. No part of that money will go for any other purpose. The fall fair and festival, which is more than a means of raising money but an opportunity for social acquaintanceship, is an annual event in the life of the church. The invitation of this church for the 1942 meeting of the state Conference was accepted. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is the pastor.

TRINITY COUNTY. Rev. P. N. Bennett, the pastor, has arranged to have a preaching mission from November 9 to 16 at Weaverville, with Rev. E. P. Shier of Loomis as the preacher. It is also arranged to have Rev. Robert B. Whitaker of China for a series of speaking dates beginning on November 6. The superintendent of the Church School conducted morning worship on Conference Sunday morning and young people had charge of the evening. Some needed work on the Hayfork church building is to take place at an early date.

RENO, NEVADA. Rev. William Moll Case has completed sixteen years of service. If the editor of The Pacific is not in error, he is now the dean in our Northern California fellowship. His presence at the state Conference at Stockton made it necessary for him to be absent from his church on anniversary Sunday. Dr. Case has double denominational responsibility and is just as faithful to our Congregational fellowship as he is to our Presbyterian brethren.

PITTSBURG. Loyalty Month was marked by increased attendance at church over a year ago. Family Sunday was a red-letter day in number of those present and in the families represented. Services on Youth Sunday were conducted by the young people, in the absence of the minister, Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, and on Mobilization Sunday eleven new members were received into the church. A new circle of the Woman's Auxiliary has been organized of new people who have come to town.

LODI, FIRST. Thirty-five delegates and young people attended sessions of the Conference at Stockton. On Conference Sunday morning Rev. Robert B. Whitaker of China preached, and in the evening at the union service Rev. John G. Dickey of Angels Camp was heard. Rev. A. R. Boone, the pastor, is preaching a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer. Lovely reference Bibles have been awarded to seven children for a year's perfect church attendance. Four others received New Testaments for near perfect attendance.

SARATOGA. The first Sunday of October was observed as World Communion Day and also rally day for the Sunday School. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker was speaker at the church community supper, which was attended by more than a hundred. The young people of the church had charge on Youth Sunday so that the pastor, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, might attend the Conference.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. Charles E. Ward, the pastor, and Peirce Coombes, keyman and a member of the Laymen's Commission, will attend the Laymen's Retreat at Marysville during the November 8-9 weekend, as leaders. Rev. R. J. Currie, a former pastor of the church, will occupy the pulpit. The West Bay rally of the Pilgrim Fellowship will be held here early in November. The annual women's luncheon, on November 12, will stress the good-neighbor idea in its theme, "The Other Americas," and will feature elaborately decorated tables. The Women's Guild thank offering more than doubled that of last year. Red Cross sewing and Boy Scout work are being effectively continued. The Sunday School is showing a gratifying increase in interest and attendance, especially in the Beginners and Primary departments. The trustees are preparing the 1942 budget for submission, and the every-member canvass early in December.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. The Pilgrim Fellowship celebrated Youth Sunday by taking care of the morning service while the pastor, Rev. Harvey V. Miller, attended state Conference. The church has voted to put in foundations on the corner lot, adjoining the present site, and to move the church building before bad weather makes it impossible. This will change the frontage of the church building and will make it possible later on to erect new social rooms, and also to dispose of one lot, thereby reducing the grant loan from the Building Society. The whole situation will be much improved.

SOQUEL. During Consecration and Loyalty Month the suggestive programs for each Sunday were followed. On Youth Sunday representatives of the young people's groups had charge so that the pastor, Rev. T. Davis Preston, might attend Conference. Plans were laid for a parents' discussion group to meet simultaneously with the young people Sunday evenings. During the summer the parish hall was repaired, renovated, and decorated. The "Parish News," very attractively mimeographed in magazine form, keeps the members acquainted with the work of the church and inspires their cooperation.

PORTERVILLE. The fiftieth anniversary of the organizing of the church was celebrated on November 2 and 3. The new parsonage, which was erected at a cost of $5,500, was dedicated in memory of the pioneers. Rev. Loyal L. Wirt, who organized the church, Rev. R. B. Cherington, Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, Rev. John A. Milligan, and Rev. John H. Gregg, all former pastors, were present to participate. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is the new minister.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Angels Camp has a choir which would do credit to many a larger church. The choir with the Young People's Club had charge of the service during the Sunday that Rev. John G. Dickey was at State Conference. Mr. Dickey represents the churches on the Tri-County Nutrition Committee. He was speaker at the union Sunday evening service at Lodi on Conference Sunday night. One service during the past month was held at White Pines.

FRESNO, ZION. This church has completed its payments to the Building Society on the loan which was granted at the time of the erection of the present property, and less than $300 remains to be paid on the new organ, which is an Everett Orgatron. The pastor, Rev. John N. Sauer, writes that the Stockton Conference was one of the best he had ever attended.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, who for six years has been director of religious education, has resigned to take effect January 1. Mrs. Bennett has served the Conference in various committee capacities, having been chairman of the Committee on Religious Education during the past year. The church has adopted a forward movement program. For some years there has been a troublesome debt and repairs on the building have become imperative. A new furnace is needed. Instead of appealing for the usual Thanksgiving Offering, the church has voted to raise $10,000 to cover these items and to complete the expenses of the year. Two very substantial pledges have been made, one for $500 and one for $300. The School of Christian Living meets every Wednesday night. Rev. Robert W. Inglis is pastor.

EUREKA. After nearly fourteen years of leadership, Rev. Charles H. Hudson has resigned the pastorate of this church, to take effect the first of January. During this long period he has gained for himself and for the church a unique place of distinction in the life of the city and of a large part of northern California. He has been the leader of many community welfare movements. His voice has been heard over a wide territory over the radio. He has cooperated splendidly in the work of the Conference. His plans for the immediate future have not been announced, but it is sincerely hoped that some other northern California church will quickly avail itself of his leadership.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The fall seminar has been well attended and the program has been of a high order. With other churches, an inter-church hour is held every Sunday evening. Recent speakers have been Rev. George A. Miller, retired bishop of the Methodist Church; Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, chaplain of Stanford University; Rev. Clifford Manshardt of Bombay, India, and Bishop James C. Baker of the Methodist Church. Meetings of the Berkeley Community Chest have been held in the church. Rev. Vere V. Loper, pastor, has devoted a great deal of time to the Chest campaign.

ALTURAS. Three delegates besides the minister, Rev. Theodore E. Schulz, and his wife, were in attendance at the state Conference at Stockton. In the church paper of the week following, each delegate gave an excellent statement of impressions gained at the Conference. Mr. Schulz is taking an active interest in the Congregational Church at Likely and has been visiting thoroughly in the community.

OROVILLE. This church is strongly urging Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Champlin to take up their residence in Oroville and to lead the church to new levels of strength and usefulness. A Pilgrim Fellowship has been organized. Loyalty Month has been observed, with improved attendance at church and Sunday School. Rev. Harry T. Stock is to conduct a teacher training school, December 5 to 7.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY ARMENIAN. A splendid delegation was present at the state Conference, a laywoman, Mrs. N. Magarian, taking care of the services on the Sunday so that the pastor, Rev. H. K. Khachadourian, could attend throughout.

CEDARVILLE. Our newest and farthest away church, geographically speaking, was splendidly represented at the state Conference, with the pastor, Rev. Virgil Vinyard, and three delegates. They were heartily welcomed.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The annual Home Coming Day created unusual interest for it was also the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the starting of the Sunday School which later resulted in the organization of North Church. Rev. Pierson Parker, the minister, preached at the morning service on "The job that never ends." Luncheon was served in the parish house, following which there was an interesting program, including a resumé of the history of the Sunday School and church and an address by Rev. Loyal Lincoln Wirt. Dr. Wirt was secretary of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society fifty years ago, in which capacity he launched the Sunday School in a store building at Vine and Shattuck Streets which later developed into North Church.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is conducting the fall series of mid-week meetings on Wednesday evenings. The meditations are based on studies in the Book of Zechariah. The Junior, Junior High, and Senior departments of the Church School have been meeting together Sunday mornings for a fifteen-minute song service under the leadership of Ford Forsythe and Henry Hayden, the student workers from the Pacific School of Religion, who have also been assisting the pastor in the morning service. On Communion Sunday, October 5, eight new members joined the church. On October 25 Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, recently returned from China, spoke on what is happening in China.

FAIRFAX. Painting of the church building is in progress. The cost has been well covered by contributions. Church School teachers are cooperating in a county leadership training school under the Ministerial Fellowship, of which the pastor, Rev. William W. Meyer, is chairman. A successful parents' night, dinner and program, held on October 15, was addressed by Mr. Roy T. Nicholls of Oakland on the theme, "Home, School, and Church: Builders of Christian Character." A reputation team from Plymouth House was entertained by Pilgrim Fellowship.

SAN JOSE. At its October church-night dinner, this church enjoyed an evening of colored movies of the migrant camps of the county and the Quaker-Congregational work camp at Mountain View, with speakers to tell of the work done this summer to improve conditions therein. Under the caption, "Thirty for Now," thirty new members were received into the church on Sunday, November 2. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr, pastor, is a great believer in educating his people on the place and history of the Congregational church in the life of America. The Thanksgiving season and celebration of Forefathers' Day are always in his program. Fine interest is being manifested in the Sunday evening forum, devoted to Bible study, with outlines in advance for careful preparation.

SANTA ROSA. Rev. Benjamin Gould is at work under an ad interim arrangement and has found a remarkably loyal and well integrated group of people. Rev. Wilfred Withington is now making his home at Balboa Island, Southern California. It is hoped by his many friends that his health will quickly improve.

BERKELEY PARK. This church has two young people's groups. The pastor meets with the juniors Friday afternoon after school, and the seniors meet Friday evening. Rev. Tom Watt is pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. Volunteer labor, supplied by church members and friends, got the roof on the social hall addition before the rains came. The hall will include kitchen, pantry, and pastor's study-bedroom for weekend use. The Ladies' Aid is holding a supper box social early in November to launch the financial drive, to defray cost of the badly needed annex. Christmas plans include a choir concert which will swell the building fund. Pilgrim Fellowship is preparing for a food sale, and has just held a successful scavenger hunt. Two sisters, Ann and Frances Denton, are president and vice-president of the group this year. Mrs. Sherwood Wirt, wife of the minister, preached during his absence at the state Conference.

FERNDALE. Rev. Roscoe D. Douglass has resigned his pastorate. He and Mrs. Douglass have built a beautiful home in Ferndale and will settle down in the circle of their very intimate friends and admirers for the years of retirement. Mr. Douglass is beloved by the entire community. He has served as chairman of the Park Commission, and much of the planting in the city park has been done by his own hands. For many years past his church has led all of the churches of the Conference in per capita benevolence giving, and was the one recently referred to in the Missionary Herald by Secretary George White as an example for smaller churches throughout the country.

ANTIOCH. Twenty-two people attended the state Conference, most of them from the Pilgrim Fellowship and Young Adults. The new foundations to the church building are complete and the underpinnings are in place. Painters will begin work shortly. New members were received the last Sunday of October, making a total of 33 for the year and 102 during the pastorate of Rev. William R. Steininger. The program recommended by the Commission on Evangelism was followed through October. An adult choir has been organized under the leadership of the director of vocal music in the high school.

ALAMEDA. Professor James Muilenburg has been in the pulpit of this church many of the Sundays during the autumn, although Dr. Frederick Spiegelberg and President Arthur C. McGiffert have been heard. Rev. Robert Cleland, the resident pastor, has appealed to the families of the church to open their homes to the boys training at the Alameda Naval Air Station.

SAN FRANCISCO, CITY TEMPLE. For the time being, Rev. Edgar A. Lowther is preaching at the morning services and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is conducting "question drawer" in the evening. Dr. Pierce also speaks at the Men's Bible Forum at 9:50. Eight new members were received into fellowship the first Sunday of October.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

Attention! The November meeting of the Federation will be held at First Congregational Church, Oakland, on the SECOND Thursday of the month, not the third. This change is necessary because of the occurrence of Thanksgiving on the third Thursday. Federation Meeting, November 13. Remember!

FEDERATION WOMEN AT STOCKTON CONFERENCE

About 250 women sat down to the excellent luncheon which the women of the Methodist church in Stockton furnished us on the Saturday of the Northern California Conference annual meeting in that city. It was gratifying to note that very many of the women attended all or part of the regular Conference sessions, proving that we recognize that it is our Conference as well as our Federation. However, reports from the larger gathering will appear elsewhere in "The Pacific," so this column will limit itself to the women's meeting.

We were addressed by the Rev. P. N. Bennett, who is our representative in the work of Trinity County, and by Mrs. Richard S. Rose, President of the Federation in Southern California.

Mr. Bennett gave us pictures of the three principal centers: Weaverville, which has about one-fourth of the entire population of the county and the only church which can furnish any financial support to the work, and Hayfork and Lewiston. Weaverville has a neat little church which can seat 125 on a pinch, and has a Parish House that demonstrates the community friendliness which every church should show by opening its doors to all the various organizations of the town. Numbers of improvements have been made in the parsonage, but there are still repairs which are much needed. The Sunday School has nearly doubled its attendance in the last months, and the church services are gradually increasing attendance also. Lewiston and Hayfork are both difficult fields, and providing for them is definitely up-hill work.

In so large and scattered a parish, where roads are often bad or non-existent, where winter snows literally isolate some communities, and where the minister must travel a thousand or more miles a month to contact his parishioners even infrequently, the great need is, of course, means for the upkeep of the car. Gasoline is 21 cents a gallon, and the wear and tear on the machine is something city dwellers know nothing about.

Mrs. Rose, in her introduction, assured us that she was certainly among friends in more than a Biblical sense. Mr. Bennett had been a classmate of her husband at Oberlin. Dr. Clifford Manshardt was a colleague in Bombay, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian a pupil in Athens, and she apparently had met Rev. and Mrs. Augustine Jones all around the globe.

The keynote of her talk was of the love that is not charity but a cherishing neighborliness. She spoke of the Neighborhood House in Bombay, which like the little Weaverville parish house, is open to all, low caste, high caste, Mohammedan or Hindu. She told of the high caste Brahmin who, as she said, had "caught the infection" and opened a school for little low caste children. She emphasized that our mission work should manifest not condescension, but this same friendliness.

The Sunday morning hour conducted by Mrs. T. T. Giffen was devoted to a Seminar on "Women and Worship." There was discussion on strengthening the worship program in our women's organizations, and in addition to a report on our own denominational plans and materials, there were talks by Mrs. H. J. Catterall and a deaconess from the Methodist Church and by Mrs. J. H. Kemp from the Presbyterian Church, on worship in their denominations. Everyone felt that it was a very worthwhile hour.

NEWS NOTES

Santa Clara Association, which is always cooperative, has shared with us a most interesting letter from Miss Helen Dizney of China to Mrs. J. O. Ferris, President of the Association. The following are excerpts:

"Here is a message for all our home churches. Please be the bearer of it. Things are going along almost normally in some places here (Tehchow). In other places, like Taiku, new ways of doing our work are having to be figured out. The old ways are broken up by circumstances, but the work goes on. We who are here now have no plans for leaving. It is no time to lose interest in our missionary program for our church. We missionaries are not discouraged but we might get so if the home end showed signs of weakening."

Miss Dizney goes on to speak of the fall plans for Tehchow. In view of the conflicting reports which have come regarding our hospital work there, the following is most interesting: (Note that the date of the letter is the 15th of this September)

"Our boarding school has opened with a blare of trumpets and almost normal numbers. The hospital rocked on its foundation this summer, but is sitting firm again. I am taking on a new class of nurses October 1. All things considered, we are facing a better year than since our warfare started. . . . But we are sad that most of our country churches and schools are closed for the time. . . . It is nonsense to think that, because we must change the character of our work for a while, all is over."

As an illustration of the growth of rumors, Miss Dizney told of a hectic trip she had taken to Tientsin to see the American Consul General there and get some assistance for Dr. Alma Cooke, who was alone in the Lintsing Hospital. Miss Dizney took a midnight train to Tientsin, accomplished her purpose and took a midnight train back. The sleepless nights and the anxiety were wearing enough, but in addition she was delayed by a wreck on the road, and sat "for ten long hours in the hot sun. By the time I reached home I was very weary—and what did I hear about myself? That I had fled at midnight, afraid for my life, and was on my way to America! Was ever a noble gesture so maligned?"

Redwood Empire had a most successful meeting on October 21. About forty were present; Miss Frederica Coggeshall was re-elected President; each church gave a report of its activities. The high-light was evidently a talk by Mrs. Robert Whitaker, so interesting that she was kept busy answering questions long after the meeting closed.

From Antioch comes a report of a talk to the women by Miss Alice English on her work in the Children's Project of Grace United Church of the Mission. She is in need of more books for the reading table in their club room. The June "Pacific" gave full lists of the type desired. She also wishes quiet games that can be used during inclement winter weather. Books and games may be sent to Rev. Donald Gaylord, at the church, 3166 21st Street, San Francisco.

Let us not forget, either, our Christmas gifts for the migrant children. A letter from Mrs. F. E. Shotwell gives explicit directions:

Send toys before December 15, prepaid, to Miss Adeline Thornton, St. James Cathedral, 1209 N St., Fresno, Calif. Nothing over 15 cents. Wrap gaily and mark for boy or girl. Mark outside of package "Migrant Work." Send layettes and children's clothing (new) to Miss Dorothy Nelson, Dos Palos, Calif., or Mrs. Gertrude Meade, Mendota, Calif. SEND NO USED CLOTHING DURING CHRISTMAS. Send money to Home Missions Council, 83 McAllister St., San Francisco.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the state Conference, held at Stockton, officers were elected for the new year, list of which follows:

Moderator—Rev. Vere V. Loper.
Assistant Moderator—Mr. George B. Martin.
Registrar—Rev. Harley H. Gill.
Preacher—Rev. A. C. McGiffert.
Alternate Preacher—Rev. James Muilenburg.

Board of Directors—(Class of 1942) Mrs. R. C. Kirkwood; (class of 1943) Rev. B. H. Kissler; (class of 1944) Rev. Pierson Parker, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Mrs. Torrance Phelps, Mrs. Scott Haymond, Rev. Wm. R. Steininger, Mr. E. B. Kientz.

Fraternal Delegate to Southern California—Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Representatives to California Temperance Federation—Rev. Gail Cleland, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Mr. George S. Martin.

Committee on Ministerial Standing—(Class of 1944) Rev. S. C. Peabody, Rev. Torrance Phelps, Rev. H. S. Davidson.

Visitors to Pacific School of Religion—Rev. Tom Watt, Rev. T. Davis Preston, Rev. Burton M. Palmer.

For purposes of reference the holdover members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

(Class of 1942) Rev. T. T. Giffen, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Major A. J. Watson, Mrs. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. John H. Gregg; (class of 1943) Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. A. R. Boone, Mr. George W. Moore, Jr., Rev. Augustine Jones, Mrs. E. V. Krick, Rev. A. L. Rice.

Holdover members of the Committee on Ministerial Standing are as follows: (Class of 1942) Rev. H. J. Loken, Rev. A. R. Boone, Rev. J. H. Bennett; (class of 1943) Rev. A. L. Rice, Rev. James Muilenburg, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Pierson Parker.

Holdover members of the Nominating Committee are: Mr. E. B. Kientz and Rev. Fred R. Morrow.

Immediately following the election, the new Board of Directors met for organization. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham was elected president, and Rev. John H. Gregg, vice-president, for the coming year. With them the following persons will serve on the Executive Committee: Rev. T. T. Giffen, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Augustine Jones, Mrs. E. V. Krick, Rev. Pierson Parker, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Mrs. Scott Haymond, and Rev. Wm. R. Steininger.

Superintendent Gill was elected secretary of the Board; W. Wallace Furze, treasurer; C. S. Morse, assistant treasurer, and George E. Oefinger, auditor.

The committees of the Board will be appointed at the November meeting.

MODOC INDIAN WORK

Mrs. Amy Jarman continues her good work as representative of the Conference in dispensing relief among the Indians from the special fund held by the Conference for that purpose. Her quarterly report has come to hand, showing disbursements of $42.63 during the past three months, most of which has gone for shoes, inexpensive dresses, overalls, stockings, and blankets.

STOCKTON CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

ON BROTHERHOOD VERSUS PREJUDICE

RESOLVED, That our Congregational Fellowship in Northern California resist the rising tides of prejudice and hatred which threaten to engulf us, and make determined efforts to preserve faithfully the ties of Christian brotherhood which unite us across lines of racial and national background, and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Conference Committee on Social Action be instructed to receive reports of any breaches of full fellowship, in which the victims of such prejudices are either pastors or laymen, and that this Committee be empowered to investigate such cases and to seek to allay prejudice and reconcile the disputants.

ON A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE

It is our conviction that Christian people everywhere should give attention to the problems of the peace that will follow the war. Even if the countries which our country is aiding win the war, there is grave danger that hatred and vindictiveness may cause them to lose the peace for themselves and for all humanity. We welcome the emphasis upon freedom and the emphasis upon economic opportunity for all nations including Germany. We remind our statesmen that words alone will not counteract the vindictive spirit engendered by the horrors of this war or curb the economic self-interest of nations, including our own. The Christian Church in the nations which must make the fateful decisions has a special responsibility to nourish the spirit that will make possible the accomplishment of such high aims. The Church in America has the task of preparing the minds of American Christians to be willing to make the sacrifices of economic advantage and of political sovereignty that will be necessary if a stable world society is to be built upon the ruins of this war. It has been asserted by many Christian conferences that no nation should be a law unto itself, that with power should go responsibility to exercise power with due regard to the effect of policies upon other nations. Those principles should guide our national life. We welcome the plans made by our government and the government of Great Britain to rush all kinds of aid to the stricken people of Europe as soon as the war ends. May such aid be unstinted; may it be given freely; may it go to all people regardless of the side on which they fought.

Therefore, following the lead of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ of America and our own Congregational Council for Social Action we urge upon all our churches the undertaking of systematic study of the basis for a Just and Durable Peace.

THANKING STOCKTON

The Northern California Congregational Conference records its great gratitude to the people of the First Congregational Church of Stockton for painstaking service as host of our annual meeting, October 17, 18, 19, 1941. Under the guidance of their honored and capable pastor, Dr. Noel J. Breed, they have made every needed provision for our general meetings in the new and beautiful sanctuary, for Conference office and registration and book display in Pilgrim Hall, and for individual offices and small group meetings in ample and well-cared-for rooms.

The organist, Mrs. Ellis Harbert, and the vested choir have given excellent help in several services of devotion.

Women of the Central Methodist Church, the First Christian Church, the Swedish Covenant Church, and the host church have served us well at several lunches and at the Sunday evening supper. We thank them all for hospitality.

Badges have been provided and other courtesies extended by the Stockton Convention Bureau, for which we are most grateful.

Those of us who have been here will long remember these three days of fellowship with Congregational Christians of Stockton.

TREASURER E. T. SHERMAN

Field Secretary Sherman has been elected the Treasurer of the Religious Education Commission of the California Church Council. This Commission, which consists to a large extent of the denominational workers in the field of religious education, renders a valuable service in union training institutes for teachers throughout the state.

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